



**CITY OF EAST CHICAGO**  
*Anthony Copeland, Mayor*

**East Chicago Sanitary District**  
Kenneth L. Myers, Director

5201 Indianapolis Boulevard  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
Phone: (219) 391-8466  
Fax: (219) 391-8254

October 28, 2021

Natalie Maupin  
Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
Office of Water Quality-Mail Code 65-42  
Compliance Evaluation Section-Pretreatment Group  
100 North Senate  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251

**RE: East Chicago Sanitary District 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Industrial Non-Compliance Pretreatment Report**

Dear Natalie Maupin:

As consistent with Part III A (5) of the NPDES Permit No. IN0022829, the East Chicago Sanitary District Pretreatment team (District) submits for your review, the Industrial Non-Compliance Report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2021 (3Q'21). Upon your review and should you have any relevant inquiries, I can be reached at (219) 516-2317.

Respectfully Yours,



Jose Cisneros

Pretreatment Coordinator

CC: Newton Ellens, USEPA  
Kenneth L. Myers, Director, ECSD

Encls.

**EAST CHICAGO SANITARY DISTRICT**

**EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA**

**3Q'21**

**INDUSTRIAL NON-COMPLIANCE REPORT**

**As submitted on  
October 28, 2021**

As the District Pretreatment program was recently audited by IDEM and USEPA and in furtherance to Part III, A., Condition 5, of the District's NPDES Permit (No. IN0022829), the information within the succeeding table provides an update with regard to the District's efforts to bring the Pretreatment program into conformance of each of the concerns noted in the audit.

<b>The District Response (as dated 09/17/21) to IDEM &amp; USEPA Pretreatment Audit as conducted on 6/9-11/21</b>						
<b>Compliance Schedule<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>09/30</b>	<b>10/31</b>	<b>11/30</b>	<b>12/31</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Associated Comments</b>
Proposed Conformances	3	3	32	5	43	Note: five non-conformances awaiting IDEM or USEPA related clarification
Actual Conformances	2	26	10	5	43	09/30: one conformance requirement rescheduled into 12/30 due to ongoing litigation with certain Permittee 10/31: Concerted effort put forth to bring the District into conformance earlier than proposed
1) During the period of investigation (Year 2019 & 2020), 43 Pretreatment related non-conformances were cited by the IDEM and USEPA auditors as the District previously submitted a Compliance Schedule which depicted the timeline towards achieving full compliance.						

As noted within the succeeding table and during 3Q'21, certain permitted industrial users (IUs) continued to be sampled by the District. During this period and as consistent with the auditors' recommendation, the District reclassified Linde Inc., Rare Gases and Helium (Outfall 541) as a non-significant industrial user. In addition, the District decided to discontinue Green Lake Tube, LLC permit (Outfall 511) which was scheduled to expire on 08/08/21. This decision was based upon the District's most recent inspection and determining that no significant waste discharges were occurring as a result of the facilities recycling of wastewater. The District's Pretreatment Program reported in 2Q'21 that it had a total of 22 permitted IUs, the revised number of permitted IUs as of 3Q'21 is 21, accounting for the change in permit status of Outfall 511.

Two reported IUs (TAC East – 415 and US Steel – 936) remain non-operational. The TAC East facility is scheduled to be redeveloped in 2022 as a truck maintenance facility with no tank cleaning operations. The developer/Owner will be required to submit a new sewer use application for this redevelopment. The District plans to terminate the existing permit for TAC East – 415. The District continues to consider eight dischargers as Significant Industrial Users (SIU) permittees with one SIU presently non-operational, five of which are further considered Categorical Industrial Users (CIUs) with one CIU presently non-operational. All permitted industrial Users (IUs) are sampled by the District at a minimum, on a monthly basis, with the exception being those permitted IUs which are associated to groundwater remediation related projects (Outfalls 112, 124 and 411). It is also noteworthy to mention that Buckeye Pipeline was issued a temporary permit during 3Q'21 in order to address groundwater dewatering during planned operational related upgrades to their underground pipes.

As the following sampling compliance report covers the period from July 1 to September 30, 2021, please further note that certain non-compliance sampling results remain outstanding as our contract laboratory was delinquent in providing complete analytical reports. The delinquent reports involved the September monitoring of Outfalls 804 and 805 and was limited to the non-reporting of one analyte for each IU. The District does not anticipate that the late reported results will result in the issuance of an NOV. If the late results indicate a violation, the District will issue the appropriate NOV and fine.

<b>Outfall</b>	<b>Permitted Company</b>	<b>3Q'21 Sampling Dates and Associated Comment(s)</b>	<b>SIUs</b>	<b>CIUs</b>
112	GATX	9/9		

124	Buckeye Pipeline	8/2,		
312	Electric Coatings	7/19, 8/20, 9/16	X	X
401	WR Grace	7/6, 8/16, 9/1		
411	USS Lead Site	Semi-Annual sampling requirements		
415	TAC East	No sampling; operations ceased; permit suspended	X	X
511	Green Lake Tube	7/7, 8/10,		
514	National Processing	7/7, 8/10, 9/8	X	X
518	ICO Polymers	7/29, 8/26, 9/23		
521	Lakeshore Railcar	7/21, 7/29, 8/11, 9/9, 9/28	X	X
531	Linde, Inc. Production	7/12, 8/25, 9/27	X	
541	Linde, Inc. Rare Gases	7/12, 8/25, 9/27 (reclassified as Non-SIU)		
611	Arcelor-Mittal Research	7/14, 8/9, 9/13		
804	Cleveland-Cliffs East	7/13, 8/5, 9/2		
805	Cleveland-Cliffs East	7/13, 8/5, 9/2		
901	Safety-Kleen	7/20, 7/27, 8/17, 8/24, 9/22, 9/29	X	X
931	Cleveland-Cliffs West	7/22, 8/4, 9/14		
934	Cleveland-Cliffs West	7/28, 8/12, 9/14		
935	Cleveland-Cliffs West	7/28, 8/3, 9/20		
936	US Steel	No sampling; operations suspended		
941	Linde, Inc. HyCO	7/26, 8/2, 9/21	X	
951	US Gypsum	7/27, 8/23, 9/15		
Please Note: certain IUs discharge permit(s) remain suspended or inactive (415 & 936) as due to specific business related reasons.				

Relative to the District's ongoing compliance monitoring related initiatives, please further note the following:

Outfall	Permitted Company	Certain Compliance Monitoring Related Notation(s)	SIU	CIU
124	Buckeye Pipeline	Issued a temporary groundwater dewatering permit due to planned maintenance during 3Q'21		
411	USS Lead Site	Uses groundwater pumping to maintain hydraulic gradient controls; sampling is periodically performed; no discharges were reported during 3Q'21		
415	TAC East	Ceased operations due to fire; operations remains suspended; no discharges occurred during 3Q'21; permit to be terminated	X	X
936	US Steel	Suspended operations; no discharges occurred during 3Q'21		
511	Green Lake Tube	Permit was rescinded by the District during 3Q'21		

The succeeding table depicts the violations as correlated to the established Local Control Limit during 3Q'21:

East Chicago Sanitary District Compliance Status Report Report Date Range: 7/1/2021 – 9/30/21			
Variable	Violations	Limit Description	Limit
521 Amen. Cyanide {mg/L}	2	Daily Maximum Limit	>0.019
901 Phenol {mg/L}	2	Daily Maximum Limit	>0.96
901 Amen. Cyanide {mg/L}	6	Daily Maximum Limit	>0.019
901 Total Mercury (Hg) {mg/L}	3	Daily Maximum Limit	>0.00029
934 Amen. Cyanide {mg/L}	1	Daily Maximum Limit	>0.019
951 Amen. Cyanide {mg/L}	1	Daily Maximum Limit	>0.019

**Total 15**

The succeeding table further conveys during 3Q'21, the four IUs which experienced exceedances of local control limits and/or categorical limits as Notice of Violation (NOVs) were timely issued:

Outfall	Permitted Company	NOV(s)	Period	DOV	NOV Related Comments
901	Safety Kleen	1	3Q'21	07/20	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide
901	Safety Kleen	1	3Q'21	07/27	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide
901	Safety Kleen	1	3Q'21	08/17	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide
901	Safety Kleen	1	3Q'21	08/24	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide
901	Safety Kleen	1	3Q'21	09/22	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide
901	Safety Kleen	1	3Q'21	09/29	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide
901	Safety Kleen	1	3Q'21	09/22	Exceeded local limit for Phenol
901	Safety Kleen	1	3Q'21	09/29	Exceeded local limit for Phenol
901	Safety Kleen	1	3Q'21	07/27	Exceeded local limit for Mercury
901	Safety Kleen	1	3Q'21	09/22	Exceeded local limit for Mercury
901	Safety Kleen	1	3Q'21	09/29	Exceeded local limit for Mercury
901	Safety-Kleen Subtotal	11			
521	Lakeshore Railcar	1	3Q'21	07/29	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide
521	Lakeshore Railcar	1	3Q'21	09/28	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide
521	Lakeshore Subtotal	2			
934	Cleveland Cliffs West	1	3Q'21	08/12	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide
951	US Gypsum	1	3Q'21	09/15	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide
All	Grand Total	15			

Relative to those permitted companies who were found in violation of the established Local Limits, the succeeding table further depicts the total amount of fines issued during 3Q'21:

Outfall	Permitted Company	NOV(s)	NOV Reason During 3Q'21	Total Amount
901	Safety-Kleen	6	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide	\$15,000.00
901	Safety-Kleen	2	Exceeded local limit for Phenol	\$5,000.00
901	Safety-Kleen	3	Exceed local limit for Mercury	\$7,500.00
901	Sub-Total Safety-Kleen	11	Sub-Total Safety-Kleen NOVs	\$27,500.00
934	Cleveland Cliffs West	1	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide	\$1,500.00
934	Sub-Total C/C West	1	Sub-Total Cleveland Cliffs West NOVs	\$1,500.00
521	Lakeshore Rail Car	2	Exceeded local limit for Cyanide	\$2,000.00
521	Sub-Total Lakeshore	2	Sub-Total Lakeshore Rail Car NOVs	\$2,000.00
951	US Gypsum	1	Exceeded local limit for Phenol	\$2,500.00
951	Sub-Total US Gypsum	1	Sub-Total US Gypsum NOVs	\$2,500.00
ALL	ALL	15	3Q'21 NOV Related Fines - Grand Total	\$33,500.00

The District noted no additional violations during 3Q'21. Please be further advised that the IUs have been instructed to handle any violations in accordance with the Sanitary District's Response Plan and Sewer Usage Ordinance.

Quarterly Summary Reports and copies of the corresponding NOVs are also provided as these documents demonstrate those samples which are associated with an NOV which led to the issuance of the corresponding NOV and fine amount.

**3Q'21 Pretreatment Monitoring Report  
Summaries for IUs with NOVs**

East Chicago Sanitary District  
Wastewater Division  
Pretreatment Compliance Summary

Outfall 901 -- Safety Klean Systems

Jul 01, 2021 to Sep 30, 2021

Local Limits

Parameter	Units	Limit	TRC Limit	Limit Type	# of Samples	# of Local Violations	# of TRC Exceedances	TRC Violation?	Chronic Violation?
Field pH	pH	5 < and < 10		Daily Min & Max	6	0			
Arsenic	mg/L	1.31	1.57	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Cadmium	mg/L			Daily Max	1	0	1	1	0
Copper	mg/L	0.88	1.06	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Lead	mg/L	2.28	2.74	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Molybdenum	mg/L	2.8	3.36	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Nickel	mg/L	0.80	0.96	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Silver	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0	0	0
Thallium	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0	0	0
Zinc	mg/L	5.5	6.6	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	mg/L	1.03	1.24	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Fluoranthene	mg/L			Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Fluoride	mg/L	30	36	Daily Max	6	0	6	1	0
Mercury	mg/L	0.0002	0.00024	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Ammonia	mg/L	134	160.8	Daily Max	6	3	3	1	0
Phosphorus	mg/L	31	37.2	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Phenols	mg/L	0.96	1.15	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Chromium	mg/L	7.0	8.4	Daily Max	6	2	2	1	0
Available Cyanide	mg/L	0.019	0.023	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Oil & Grease	mg/L	117	163.8	Daily Max	6	6	6	1	1
Residual Chlorine	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0	0	0

Categorical Limits

Parameter	Units	Limit	TRC Limit	Limit Type	# of Samples	# of Categorical Violations	# of TRC Exceedances	TRC Violation?	Chronic Violation?
Antimony	mg/L	0.25	0.2988	Daily Max	0	0	0		
Cobalt	mg/L	0.19	0.2304	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Tin	mg/L	0.41	0.4908	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
Titanium	mg/L	0.09	0.1136	Daily Max	0	0	0		
Vanadium	mg/L	0.22	0.26160	Daily Max	0	0	0		
Carbazole	mg/L	0.39	0.4704	Daily Max	6	0	0		
o-Cresol	mg/L	1.92	2.3040	Daily Max	0	0	0	0	0
p-Cresol	mg/L	0.70	0.8376	Daily Max	0	0	0		
n-Decane	mg/L	5.79	6.9480	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
n-Octadecane	mg/L	1.22	1.4640	Daily Max	6	0	0	0	0
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	mg/L	0.16	0.1860	Daily Max	0	0	0		
Total Local Violations:									11
Total Categorical Violations:									0
Total TRC Violations:									5
Total Chronic Violations:									1

\*Does not include any monthly average violations

**East Chicago Sanitary District  
Wastewater Division  
Pretreatment Compliance Summary**

**Outfall 521 -- Lakeshore Railcar & Tanker Services**

Jul 01, 2021 to Sep 30, 2021

**Local Limits**

Parameter	Units	Limit	TRC Limit	Limit Type	# of Samples	# Local of Violations	# of TRC Exceedances	TRC Violation?	Chronic Violation?
Field pH	pH	5 < and < 10		Daily Min & Max	5	0			
Arsenic	mg/L	0.162	0.194	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Cadmium	mg/L	0.474	0.569	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
Copper	mg/L	0.50	0.60	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Lead	mg/L	0.350	0.42	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Molybdenum	mg/L	2.8	3.36	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Nickel	mg/L	0.80	0.96	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Silver	mg/L	0.120	0.144	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
Thallium	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0	0	0
Zinc	mg/L	2.87	3.44	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	mg/L	0.215	0.258	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Fluoranthene	mg/L	0.0537	0.0644	Daily Max	4	0	1	0	0
Fluoride	mg/L	30	36	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Mercury	mg/L	0.0002	0.00024	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Ammonia	mg/L	134	160.8	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Phosphorus	mg/L	31	37.2	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Phenols	mg/L	0.96	1.15	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Chromium	mg/L	0.746	0.895	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Available Cyanide	mg/L	0.019	0.023	Daily Max	5	2	2	1	0
Oil & Grease	mg/L	36	50.4	Daily Max	5	0	0	0	0
Residual Chlorine	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0	0	0

**Categorical Limits**

Parameter	Units	Limit	TRC Limit	Limit Type	# of Samples	# Categorical of Violations	# of TRC Exceedances	TRC Violation?	Chronic Violation?
Antimony	mg/L	0.249	0.2988	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
Cobalt	mg/L	0.192	0.2304	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
Tin	mg/L	0.409	0.4908	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
Titanium	mg/L	0.095	0.1136	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
Vanadium	mg/L	0.218	0.26160	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
Carbazole	mg/L	0.598	0.7176	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
o-Cresol	mg/L	1.92	2.3040	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
p-Cresol	mg/L	0.698	0.8376	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
n-Decane	mg/L	0.9480	1.1376	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
n-Octadecane	mg/L	0.589	0.7068	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	mg/L	0.155	0.1860	Daily Max	4	0	0	0	0
SGT-HEM	mg/L	26.00	31.2000	Daily Max	0	0	0	0	0.00
Phenanthrene	mg/L			Daily Max	4	0	4	1.00	0.00
Total Local Violations:									2
Total Categorical Violations:									0
Total TRC Violations:									2
Total Chronic Violations:									0

**\*Does not include any monthly average violations**



East Chicago Sanitary District  
Wastewater Division  
Pretreatment Compliance Summary

Outfall 934 -- Cleveland Cliffs West

Jul 01, 2021 to Sep 30, 2021

Local Limits

Parameter	Units	Limit	TRC Limit	Limit Type	# of Samples	# of Local Violations	* "0" - Not a TRC or Chronic Violation		
							# of TRC Exceedances	TRC Violation?	Chronic Violation?
Field pH	pH	5 < and < 10		Daily Min & Max	3	0			
Arsenic	mg/L	1.31	1.57	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Cadmium	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0		
Copper	mg/L	0.88	1.08	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Lead	mg/L	2.28	2.74	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Molybdenum	mg/L	2.8	3.36	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Nickel	mg/L	0.80	0.96	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Silver	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0	0	0
Thallium	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0		
Zinc	mg/L	5.5	6.6	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	mg/L	1.03	1.24	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Fluoranthene	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0		
Fluoride	mg/L	30	36	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Mercury	mg/L	0.0002	0.00024	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Ammonia	mg/L	134	160.8	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Phosphorus	mg/L	31	37.2	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Phenols	mg/L	0.96	1.15	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Chromium	mg/L	7.0	8.4	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Available Cyanide	mg/L	0.019	0.023	Daily Max	3	1	1	1	0
Oil & Grease	mg/L	117	163.8	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Residual Chlorine	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0		

Total Local Violations:	1
Total TRC Violations:	1
Total Chronic Violations:	0

East Chicago Sanitary District  
Wastewater Division  
Pretreatment Compliance Summary

Jul 01, 2021 to Sep 30, 2021

Outfall 951 -- United States Gypsum Company

Local Limits

Parameter	Units	Limit	TRC Limit	Limit Type	# of Samples	# of Local Violations	# of TRC Exceedances	TRC Violation?	Chronic Violation?
Field pH	pH	5 < and < 10		Daily Min & Max	4	0			
Arsenic	mg/L	1.31	1.57	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Cadmium	mg/L			Daily Max	1	0	0	0	0
Copper	mg/L	0.88	1.06	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Lead	mg/L	2.28	2.74	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Molybdenum	mg/L	2.8	3.36	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Nickel	mg/L	0.80	0.96	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Silver	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0	0	0
Thallium	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0		
Zinc	mg/L	5.5	6.6	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	mg/L	1.03	1.24	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Fluoranthene	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0		
Fluoride	mg/L	30	36	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Mercury	mg/L	0.0002	0.00024	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Ammonia	mg/L	134	160.8	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Phosphorus	mg/L	31	37.2	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Phenols	mg/L	0.96	1.15	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Chromium	mg/L	7.0	8.4	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Available Cyanide	mg/L	0.019	0.023	Daily Max	3	1	1	1	0
Oil & Grease	mg/L	117	163.8	Daily Max	3	0	0	0	0
Residual Chlorine	mg/L			Daily Max	0	0	0		

Total Local Violations:

Total TRC Violations:

Total Chronic Violations:

1

1

0

## **Notices of Violations – 3Q'21**



**CITY OF EAST CHICAGO**  
*Anthony Copeland, Mayor*

5201 Indianapolis Boulevard  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
Phone: (219) 391-8466  
Fax: (219) 391-8254

September 7, 2021

Mori Sorenson  
Compliance Manager  
Safety-Kleen Systems  
601 Riley Road  
East Chicago, IN 46312

**Re: Notice of Violation – Non-Compliance with Discharge Permit Outfall No. 901**

Dear Mr. Sorenson:

On July 20, 2021, District personnel collected a sample of effluent from Outfall No. 901. Based upon the analytical results, the District determined that the discharge from the above referenced facility on this date was in violation of its Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. Specifically, the analytical data indicates the following violations:

Per Part B, the Permittee shall at no time discharge wastewater containing pollutants in excess of any of the following specific pollutant limitations as established by Article 13.13.3.02.3 of the Sewer User Ordinance (Local Limits).

- Local Limit for available cyanide is 0.019 mg/L; analytical result reported is 0.041 mg/L.

Within 15 business days of receipt of this letter, you must provide a written explanation for the cause of the violation as well as a corrective action plan to ensure compliance in the future. Failure to submit the required report within the specified time shall be subject to additional fines in accordance with the Ordinance.

In accordance with Article 13.13.7.01 of the Sewer User Ordinance, the penalty for the above noted violation is \$2,500. Kindly remit payment to the District within 30 calendar days upon receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Henry Padilla at (219) 516-2323 or email at [hpadilla@eastchicago.com](mailto:hpadilla@eastchicago.com), or Jose Cisneros at (219) 516-2317 or email at [jcisneros@eastchicago.com](mailto:jcisneros@eastchicago.com).

Sincerely,

  
Henry Padilla  
Pretreatment Assistant

  
Jose Cisneros  
Pretreatment Coordinator

Encls.

CC: Mr. Kenneth L. Myers, Director, ECSD  
Mr. Joseph Allegretti, ECSD Counsel  
File - Safety Kleen #901/Enforcement



**CITY OF EAST CHICAGO**  
*Anthony Copeland, Mayor*

5201 Indianapolis Boulevard  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
Phone: (219) 391-8466  
Fax: (219) 391-8254

September 7, 2021

Mori Sorenson  
Compliance Manager  
Safety-Kleen Systems  
601 Riley Road  
East Chicago, IN 46312

**Re: Notice of Violation – Non-Compliance with Discharge Permit Outfall No. 901**

Dear Mr. Sorenson:

On July 27, 2021, District personnel collected a sample of effluent from Outfall No. 901. Based upon the analytical results, the District determined that the discharge from the above referenced facility on this date was in violation of its Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. Specifically, the analytical data indicates the following violations:

Per Part B, the Permittee shall at no time discharge wastewater containing pollutants in excess of any of the following specific pollutant limitations as established by Article 13.13.3.02.3 of the Sewer User Ordinance (Local Limits).

- Local Limit for available cyanide is 0.019 mg/L; analytical result reported is 0.048 mg/L.
- Local Limit for Mercury is 0.0002 mg/L; Analytical result reported is 0.0003 mg/L.

Within 15 business days of receipt of this letter, you must provide a written explanation for the cause of the violation as well as a corrective action plan to ensure compliance in the future. Failure to submit the required report within the specified time shall be subject to additional fines in accordance with the Ordinance.

In accordance with Article 13.13.7.01 of the Sewer User Ordinance, the penalty for the above noted violation is \$5,000. Kindly remit payment to the District within 30 calendar days upon receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Henry Padilla at (219) 516-2323 or email at [hpadilla@eastchicago.com](mailto:hpadilla@eastchicago.com), or Jose Cisneros at (219) 516-2317 or email at [jcisneros@eastchicago.com](mailto:jcisneros@eastchicago.com).

Sincerely,

  
Henry Padilla  
Pretreatment Assistant

  
Jose Cisneros  
Pretreatment Coordinator

Encls.

CC: Mr. Kenneth L. Myers, Director, ECSD  
Mr. Joseph Allegretti, ECSD Counsel  
File - Safety Kleen #901/Enforcement



**CITY OF EAST CHICAGO**  
*Anthony Copeland, Mayor*

5201 Indianapolis Boulevard  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
Phone: (219) 391-8466  
Fax: (219) 391-8254

October 4, 2021

Evan Nikrin  
Compliance Manager  
Safety-Kleen Systems  
601 Riley Road  
East Chicago, IN 46312

**Re: Notice of Violation – Non-Compliance with Discharge Permit Outfall No. 901**

Dear Mr. Nikrin:

On August 17, 2021, District personnel collected a sample of effluent from Outfall No. 901. Based upon the analytical results, the District determined that the discharge from the above referenced facility on this date was in violation of its Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. Specifically, the analytical data indicates the following violations:

Per Part B, the Permittee shall at no time discharge wastewater containing pollutants in excess of any of the following specific pollutant limitations as established by Article 13.13.3.02.3 of the Sewer User Ordinance (Local Limits).

- Local Limit for available cyanide is 0.019 mg/L; analytical result reported is 0.034 mg/L.

Within 15 business days of receipt of this letter, you must provide a written explanation for the cause of the violation as well as a corrective action plan to ensure compliance in the future. Failure to submit the required report within the specified time shall be subject to additional fines in accordance with the Ordinance.

In accordance with Article 13.13.7.01 of the Sewer User Ordinance, the penalty for the above noted violation is \$2,500. Kindly remit payment to the District within 30 calendar days upon receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Henry Padilla at (219) 516-2323 or email at [hpadilla@eastchicago.com](mailto:hpadilla@eastchicago.com), or Jose Cisneros at (219) 516-2317 or email at [jcisneros@eastchicago.com](mailto:jcisneros@eastchicago.com).

Sincerely,

  
Henry Padilla  
Pretreatment Assistant

  
Jose Cisneros  
Pretreatment Coordinator

Encls.

CC: Mr. Kenneth L. Myers, Director, ECSD  
Mr. Joseph Allegretti, ECSD Counsel  
File - Safety Kleen #901/Enforcement



**CITY OF EAST CHICAGO**  
*Anthony Copeland, Mayor*

5201 Indianapolis Boulevard  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
Phone: (219) 391-8466  
Fax: (219) 391-8254

October 4, 2021

Evan Nikrin  
Compliance Manager  
Safety-Kleen Systems  
601 Riley Road  
East Chicago, IN 46312

**Re: Notice of Violation – Non-Compliance with Discharge Permit Outfall No. 901**

Dear Mr. Nikrin:

On August 24, 2021, District personnel collected a sample of effluent from Outfall No. 901. Based upon the analytical results, the District determined that the discharge from the above referenced facility on this date was in violation of its Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. Specifically, the analytical data indicates the following violations:

Per Part B, the Permittee shall at no time discharge wastewater containing pollutants in excess of any of the following specific pollutant limitations as established by Article 13.13.3.02.3 of the Sewer User Ordinance (Local Limits).

- Local Limit for available cyanide is 0.019 mg/L; analytical result reported is 0.029 mg/L.

Within 15 business days of receipt of this letter, you must provide a written explanation for the cause of the violation as well as a corrective action plan to ensure compliance in the future. Failure to submit the required report within the specified time shall be subject to additional fines in accordance with the Ordinance.

In accordance with Article 13.13.7.01 of the Sewer User Ordinance, the penalty for the above noted violation is \$2,500. Kindly remit payment to the District within 30 calendar days upon receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Henry Padilla at (219) 516-2323 or email at [hpadilla@eastchicago.com](mailto:hpadilla@eastchicago.com), or Jose Cisneros at (219) 516-2317 or email at [jcisneros@eastchicago.com](mailto:jcisneros@eastchicago.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry Padilla".

Henry Padilla  
Pretreatment Assistant

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jose Cisneros".

Jose Cisneros  
Pretreatment Coordinator

Encls.

CC: Mr. Kenneth L. Myers, Director, ECSD  
Mr. Joseph Allegretti, ECSD Counsel  
File - Safety Kleen #901/Enforcement



**CITY OF EAST CHICAGO**  
*Anthony Copeland, Mayor*

5201 Indianapolis Boulevard  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
Phone: (219) 391-8466  
Fax: (219) 391-8254

September 7, 2021

James Kornas  
Lakeshore Railcar Services LLC  
1150 East 145<sup>th</sup> Street  
East Chicago, IN 46312

**Re: Notice of Violation – Non-Compliance with Discharge Permit Outfall No. 521**

Dear Mr. Kornas:

On July 29, 2021 District personnel collected a sample of effluent from Outfall No. 521. Based upon the analytical results, the District has determined that the discharge from the above referenced facility was in violation of its Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. Specifically, the analytical data indicates the following violation:

Per Part B, the Permittee shall at no time discharge wastewater containing pollutants in excess of any of the following specific pollutant limitations as established by Article 13.13.3.02.1 of the Sewer User Ordinance (National Categorical Pretreatment Standards).

- Local Limit for Available Cyanide is 0.019 mg/L; analytical result reported was 0.18 mg/L.

Within 15 business days of receipt of this letter, you must provide a written explanation for the cause of the violation as well as a corrective action plan to ensure compliance in the future. Failure to submit the required report within the specified time shall subject to additional fines in accordance with Ordinance.

In accordance with Article 13.13.7.01 of the Sewer User Ordinance, the total amount of the penalty for the above noted violation is \$1,000. Kindly remit payment to the District within 30 calendar days upon receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Henry Padilla at (219) 516-2323 or email at [hpadilla@eastchicago.com](mailto:hpadilla@eastchicago.com). Or Jose Cisneros at (219) 516-2317 or email at [jcisneros@eastchicago.com](mailto:jcisneros@eastchicago.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry Padilla".

Henry Padilla  
Pretreatment Assistant

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jose Cisneros".

Jose Cisneros  
Pretreatment Coordinator

Encls.

CC: Mr. Kenneth L. Myers, Director, ECSD  
Mr. Joseph Allegetti, ECSD Counsel  
File - UTG #521/Enforcement

521 NOV 09-07-21 (Cn on 07-29-21)





**CITY OF EAST CHICAGO**  
*Anthony Copeland, Mayor*

5201 Indianapolis Boulevard  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
Phone: (219) 391-8466  
Fax: (219) 391-8254

September 29, 2021

Kevin Lurtz  
Cleveland-Cliffs Indiana Harbor West  
3001 Dickey Road  
East Chicago, IN 46312

**Re: Notice of Violation – Non-Compliance with Discharge Permit Outfall No. 934**

Dear Mr. Lurtz:

On August 12, 2021 District personnel collected a sample of effluent from Outfall No. 934. Based upon the analytical results, the District has determined that the discharge from the above referenced facility was in violation of its Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. Specifically, the analytical data indicates the following violation:

Per Part B, the Permittee shall at no time discharge wastewater containing pollutants in excess of any of the following specific pollutant limitations as established by Article 13.13.3.02.1 of the Sewer User Ordinance (Local Limits).

- Local Limit for Available Cyanide is 0.019 mg/L; analytical result reported was 0.083 mg/L.

Within 15 business days of receipt of this letter, you must provide a written explanation for the cause of the violation as well as a corrective action plan to ensure compliance in the future. Failure to submit the required report within the specified time shall subject to additional fines in accordance with Ordinance.

In accordance with Article 13.13.7.01 of the Sewer User Ordinance, the total amount of the penalty for the above noted violation is \$1,500. Kindly remit payment to the District within 30 calendar days upon receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Henry Padilla at (219) 516-2323 or email at [hpadilla@eastchicago.com](mailto:hpadilla@eastchicago.com). Or Jose Cisneros at (219) 516-2317 or email at [jcisneros@eastchicago.com](mailto:jcisneros@eastchicago.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry Padilla".

Henry Padilla  
Pretreatment Assistant

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jose Cisneros".

Jose Cisneros  
Pretreatment Coordinator

Encls.

CC: Mr. Kenneth L. Myers, Director, ECSD  
Mr. Joseph Allegretti, ECSD Counsel  
File – ClevelandCliffs IN Harbor #934/Enforcement



**CITY OF EAST CHICAGO**  
*Anthony Copeland, Mayor*

5201 Indianapolis Boulevard  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
Phone: (219) 391-8466  
Fax: (219) 391-8254

October 25, 2021

Mr. Kevin Henry  
Environmental Coordinator  
United States Gypsum Company  
301 Riley Road  
East Chicago, IN 46312

**Re: Notice of Violation – Non-Compliance with Discharge Permit Outfall No. 951**

Dear Mr. Henry:

On September 15, 2021 District personnel collected a sample of the effluent from Outfall No. 951. Based upon the analytical results, the District determined that the discharge from the above referenced facility was in violation of its Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. Specifically, the analytical data indicates the following violation:

Per Part B, the Permittee shall at no time discharge wastewater containing pollutants in excess of any of the following specific pollutant limitations as established by Article 13.13.3.02.3 of the Sewer User Ordinance (Local Limits).

- Local Limit for available cyanide is 0.019 mg/L; analytical result was 0.031 mg/L.

Within 15 business days of receipt of this letter, you must provide a written explanation for the cause of the violation as well as a corrective action plan to ensure compliance in the future. Failure to submit the required report within the specified time shall subject to additional fines in accordance with Ordinance.

In accordance with Article 13.13.7.01 of the Sewer User Ordinance, the total amount of the penalty for the above noted violation is \$2,500. Kindly remit payment to the District within 30 calendar days upon receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Henry Padilla at 219-516-2323 or email at [hpadilla@eastchicago.com](mailto:hpadilla@eastchicago.com), or Jose Cisneros at 219-516-2318 or email at [jcisneros@eastchicago.com](mailto:jcisneros@eastchicago.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Padilla".

Henry Padilla

Pretreatment Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Cisneros".

Jose Cisneros

Pretreatment Assistant

Encls.

CC: Mr. Kenneth L Myers, Director, ECSD  
Mr. Joseph Allegretti, ECSD Counsel  
File – US Gypsum #951/Enforcement